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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Dear Sir:

This is a self-executing information disclosure statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 regarding the above-referenced pending United States Patent Application.

I. Introduction

Enclosed herewith please find copies of United States patents, foreign patent publications, publications and abstracts known to Applicant or Applicant's attorney and having arguable relevance or materiality respecting the patentability of the invention disclosed and claimed in the instant Patent Application.

This collection of patents, publications and abstracts is accompanied by a completed Form PTO-1449 identifying each of those patents, publications and abstracts and the pertinent information therefor listed thereon.

**II. Concise Explanation Regarding Documents
Not in the English Language**

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), the information disclosure statement filed under § 1.97 shall include:

A concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent, publication or other information listed that is not in the English language.

All of the references identified in the attached Form PTO-1449, including the references that are not in the English language were identified in a Search Report issued for International Patent Application No. PCT/EP99/03286 filed May 12, 1999, from which the present Application claims priority. A copy of the English language translation of the Search Report is attached as **EXHIBIT A**. All of the documents identified in the search report are classified in category A. Category A documents are defined as documents defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance.

The Search Report identifies four German language documents, three of which have English language counterparts. German Patent Publication No. DE 3634089 corresponds to United States Patent No. 4,740,269 to Berger et al. German Patent Publication No. DE 3425086 corresponds to British Patent Application No. 2,161,752. German Patent Publication No. 3,710,153 corresponds to Published European Patent Application No. EP 0240259. With respect to these three references, the English language counterpart is being made of record.

The German language document, German Patent Publication No. DE 3,431,577A1, is submitted herewith.


IV. Conclusion

We respectfully request careful consideration of these prior art references in connection with a prompt and thorough examination of the instant application on its merits.

The information disclosure statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) (in connection with a reply to a non-final United States Patent and Trademark Office Action on the merits). The \$180.00 fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) in connection with the submission of this information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.997(c)(2) is enclosed. In the event that this fee is incorrect, please charge our **Deposit Account No. 04-1406** accordingly. A duplicate copy of this information disclosure statement is enclosed to facilitate such charging.

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